

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

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WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
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CITY OF EL CENIZO, TEXAS; MAYOR)
RAUL L. REYES, City of El Cenizo;)
MAVERICK COUNTY; MAVERICK)
COUNTY SHERIFF TOM SCHMERBER;)
MAVERICK COUNTY CONSTABLE)
PRECINCT 3-1 MARIO A. HERNANDEZ;)
and LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN)
AMERICAN CITIZENS)

Plaintiffs)

v.)

STATE OF TEXAS; GOVERNOR)
GREG ABBOTT, in his official capacity;)
and TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL)
KEN PAXTON, in his official capacity)

Defendants)

CIVIL ACTION NO.
5:17-CV-404-OG
[Lead case]

EL PASO COUNTY; RICHARD WILES,)
SHERIFF OF EL PASO COUNTY, in his)
official capacity; and the TEXAS)
ORGANIZING PROJECT)
EDUCATION FUND)

Plaintiffs)

v.)

STATE OF TEXAS; GOVERNOR)
GREG ABBOTT; ATTORNEY GENERAL)
KEN PAXTON; and DIRECTOR STEVE)
MCCRAW, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF)
PUBLIC SAFETY – in their official)
capacities)

Defendants)

CIVIL ACTION NO. ✓
5:17-CV-459-OG
[Consolidated case]

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS;)
REY A. SALDANA, in his official capacity)
as San Antonio City Councilmember;)
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF CHICANOS)
IN HIGHER EDUCATION; LA UNION)
DEL PUEBLO ENTERO; and WORKERS)
DEFENSE PROJECT)

Plaintiffs)

v.)

STATE OF TEXAS; GREG ABBOTT, in)
his official capacity as Governor of the)
State of Texas; KEN PAXTON, in his)
official capacity as Attorney General of)
Texas)

Defendants)

CIVIL ACTION NO.
5:17-CV-489-OG
[Consolidated case]

ORDER

All three of the above styled cases are pending before the undersigned judge. The Court has reviewed the pleadings in these cases, and finds that they involve the same issues of law. Most of the named defendants are also the same. Consolidation of these cases would avoid duplicative and piecemeal litigation while conserving judicial resources.

It is therefore ORDERED that the interests of justice and judicial economy warrant consolidation of the above styled cases, pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 42(a)(2). The case with the lowest number (404) will be the lead case, and all future pleadings, motions or other documents should be filed under that cause number.

It is further ORDERED that Plaintiff LULAC is granted leave to amend its complaint to clarify the correct LULAC entity (docket no. 21, n. 2).

It is further ORDERED that Defendants' motions to dismiss or to transfer venue (docket no. 14 in 17-CV-404 and docket no. 5 in 17-CV-459) are DENIED as moot without prejudice to re-filing an amended motion in response to LULAC's amended pleading and to address the consolidated nature of this action and its effect, if any, on the issues raised in the original motions.

SIGNED and ENTERED this 6 day of June, 2017.



ORLANDO L. GARCIA
CHIEF U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE